



# The Webb County Link

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## Important Dates

- \* 3/1 Election Day
- \* 3/2 Administrative Services Blood Drive
- \* 3/10 Safety Committee Meeting
- \* 3/13 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- \* 3/14 Jury Duty
- \* 3/14 Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00am
- \* 3/16 New Employee Orientation
- \* 3/16 JP, Pct. 4 Night Court 5pm—8pm
- \* 3/21 Jury Duty
- \* 3/28 Easter Monday County Offices Closed
- \* 3/29 Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00am

## WBCA Parade



Hundreds of Laredoans, out-of-town visitors, and tourists lined up along San Bernardo Avenue and Victoria Street on Saturday to witness one of the most anticipated events of the Washington's Birthday Celebration: the Anheuser-Busch Washington's Birthday Parade. Webb County leaders were at the forefront of the parade, together with city, state, and federal officials, leading the over 195 floats down the historic streets of Laredo.

## Annual Valentine's Day Merienda

Honorable Monica Z. Notzon and the 111th District Court staff would like to thank everyone who took the time to stop by their Annual "Valentine's Day Merienda". All Webb County employees were invited to the Parisian themed event filled with finger foods, pastries, fruit and candy.





## Fire Station Construction Underway

In 2013, Commissioners Court approved a \$1 million bond for the construction of a new fire station for Webb County. The forthcoming Webb County Volunteer Fire Department Fire Station will be located off of Highway 59 on Henry Cuellar Rd. This site will consist of a 4,770 square foot building to house fire administration, firefighter living quarters, and two bay apparatus area for response vehicles. Contract finalization and approval took place on February 8, 2016 in Commissioner's Court. The contract was awarded to Hydroworks, Inc. at a cost of \$965,500.00. Land clearing begun on February 16th, and estimated construction time for the project is 150 days. This first phase of the satellite program project initiated by the County Judge and Commissioner's Court is essential in expanding fire department services to outlying Webb County areas. The program will also continue to provide firefighter training and outreach to all communities within Webb County. "We're elated that work has started on the new fire station," said Webb County Commissioner Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina. "The safety of our residents is our top priority and we look forward to other projects in the future to improve the quality of life for constituents." Since its inception in 2010, Webb County Volunteer Fire Department has been able to acquire many grants with the aid of Commissioners Court and the Economic Development Department that have provided firefighting equipment such as two (2) new engines, two (2) new tankers, and two (2) new quick response units. In addition to vehicles, personal protective gear and breathing equipment, as well as other firefighting tools have been purchased. The fire department hopes that this will be the beginning of future expansion, through the satellite program, with a soon to come second phase in the Los Botines area off of Highway 83 north. It will continue to explore new funding opportunities to keep up with growth and rural constituent demands.



## New Grant For Area Veterans

The Webb County Veteran's Service Office is launching of a new service for area veterans. Through a grant from the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance, the Veteran's Service Office will now offer free transportation for Webb County veterans needing to attend medical appointments out of town. With lack of transportation as one of their biggest issues in getting proper healthcare, this program will help veterans get access to the quality care they deserve. The Texas Veterans Commission awarded the Webb County the grant to alleviate the burden of finding transportation to out-of-town appointments for veterans. Veterans will now be able to attend evaluation appointments with QTC and LHI to help them get service connection of their disabilities, as well as attending medical appointments, whether they are at a veteran's affairs facility or another provider through a VA medical voucher. Those interested in registering for the program can call the Veteran's Service Office at 956-523-4399. Veterans and their dependents must qualify in order to use this service. Scheduling of appointments for transportation must be done in advance as services are on a first come first serve basis.

## Valentine's Day Weddings

Several Webb County courtroom were abuzz on Valentine's Day as over 35 couples celebrated their love by exchanging their wedding vows. Judge Jesus "Chuy" Garza and Judge Hector Liendo officiated the ceremonies for the happy couples. Among the happy couples were Dagoberto Maldonado and Victoria Martinez who formally exchanged their wedding vows after 49 years together.





### Shadow The Judge Program

Judge Tano Tijerina launched his "Shadow the Judge" program this month. Students from UISD and LISD were given the opportunity to learn how the various offices of Webb County function by getting a "behind the scenes" look at county business. Judge Tijerina addressed the students about the intricate working of the county and led them to visit several of the different county departments.

### Judge Dominguez Attends Training



The Texas Justice Court Training Center would like to recognize Judge Danny Dominguez from Webb County for completing the mandated 50 hours of judicial education required of all newly elected or appointed justices of the peace. Newly elected or appointed justices of the peace are required to attend the 50 hours within their first year in office. The training is broken up into three highly intensive seminars that address topics in civil, criminal and ethical issues. The training satisfies the mandatory education requirements and provides up-to-date information concerning legislation and procedures applicable to justice courts.

## Community Center Event Roundup



**La Presa Community Center** joined Commissioner Frank Sciaraffa in crowning the Valentine King and Queen, Mr. and Mrs. Joe and Carolina Covington. The celebration took place at **E.J. Salinas Community Center** with a Valentine's Dance!



The **Bruni Community Center** hosted their annual Valentine elderly luncheon/coronation. Every year since it opened its doors 13 years ago, they have crowned a king & queen from their elderly program. This year Mr. & Mrs. Eliseo Cremer were selected. Congratulations!



**Larga Vista and Bruni Community Centers** attended a two day Shelter Operations Class at Laredo Community College that was offered by the Texas Division of Emergency Management.



Elderly nutrition members from **Sta. Teresita Community Center** received blankets and groceries courtesy of L.O.V.E.D. a program by Dr. Henry Carranza. Bicycles were also donated to be given away during the annual spring break camps.



Love was in the air at the **Fernando A Salinas Community Center** as members celebrated Valentine's Day among friends with food, music, and a good time.



**Ladrillito Activity Center's** "After School Homework Program" has paid off for 8 year old Emiley Sifuentes who received a Certificate of Achievement from her school Heights Elementary. Congratulations!

Submit your department stories for next month! E-mail your story along with any pictures to [webbpio@webbcountytx.gov](mailto:webbpio@webbcountytx.gov). Stories will be edited for style, grammar, and length. Please be advised that, due to space limitations, we cannot guarantee that all stories will be publicized.